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ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE

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1. THE JOINT WORKING GROUP HELD ITS SECOND MEETING IN WARSAW
OCTOBER 6-8, 1975. BOTH SIDES AGREED UPON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA
ITEMS AND DISCUSSED THEMAS INDICATED BELOW:

(A) THE POLISH SIDE STATED ITS DESIRE TO MAKE FURTHER PUR-
CHASES OF APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION TONS OF GRAIN FROM THE UNITED
STATES FOR 1975/76 SHIPMENT, AND EXPRESSED THE DISAPPOINTMENT
OF ITS GOVERNMENT AT THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF GRAIN SALES
TO POLAND BY THE UNITED STATES. THE AMERICAN SIDE RESPONDED BY
STATING THAT THE ANTICIPATED LEVEL OF GRAIN PRODUCTION IN THE
UNITED STATES IS EXPECTED TO MAKE POSSIBLE FURTHER SALES TO
POLAND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(B) BOTH SIDES AGREED UPON THE DESIRABILITY OF A LONG-TERM
ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES UNDER WHICH POLAND WOULD
ENDEAVOR TO PURCHASE AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD ENDEAVOR TO

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SUPPLY, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITIES, APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILLION

TONS OF GRAIN ANNUALLY DURING THE NEXT 5 YEARS, WITH A FLUCTUATION OF UP TO 20 PERCENT ABOVE AND BELOW THAT FIGURE. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE ARRANGMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REVIEW AND CONSULTATION AT ANY TIME IF UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD MAKE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARRANGEMENT DIFFICULT IN ANY YEAR. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO WORK TOWARD AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO ESTABLISH THE ARRANGEMENT DURING THE VISIT TO POLAND OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ IN NOVEMBER 1975.

THE POLISH SIDE PROVIDED THE U.S. WITH THE FOLLOWING UNOFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF THE COMMODITY COMPOSITION OF ITS ANNUAL GRAIN-PURCHASE INTENTIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES:

COMMODITY	QUANTITY (MILLION METRIC TONS)
CORN	1.0
WHEAT	.8
BARLEY	.5
SORGHUM	.2
TOTAL	2.5

THE POLISH SIDE FURTHER INDICATED THAT AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE COMMODITY COMPOSITION OF ITS ANNUAL GRAIN-PURCHASE INTENTIONS FROM THE U.S. WILL BE FURNISHED WHEN THE AGREEMENT IS EFFECTED.

(C) THE POLISH SIDE RENEWED ITS REQUEST FOR CCC CREDITS OF APPROXIMATELY \$200 MILLION TO FINANCE AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS IN 1975/76 FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE AMERICAN SIDE RESPONDED BY STATING THAT NO ADDITIONAL CCC CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME, BUT ASSURED THE POLISH SIDE THAT ITS REQUEST WILL RECEIVE PROMPT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION IF AND WHEN ADDITIONAL CREDITS BECOME AVAILABLE.

(D) BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE POLISH PROPOSALS FOR A VETERINARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY. THE AMERICAN SIDE IS EXPECTED TO RESPOND TO THE POLISH PROPOSAL WHEN A TEAM OF U.S. VETERINARIANS VISITS POLAND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(E) THE POLISH SIDE EXPRESSED THE STRONG DESIRE THAT POLAND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECEIVED A LARGER QUOTA FOR CHEESE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. THE AMERICAN SIDE STATED THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE UNDER U.S. LEGISLATION AT THE PRESENT TIME, BUT POINTED OUT THAT THE SUBJECT COULD BE DISCUSSED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA.

(F) EACH SIDE EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND DATA FURNISHED TO DATE BY THE OTHER. THE

AMERICAN SIDE REQUESTED CERTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DATA FROM THE POLISH SIDE AND THE POLISH SIDE AGREED TO CONSIDER THE AMERICAN REQUESTS AND TO FURNISH THE REQUESTED INFORMATION AND DATA INsofar AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

(G) BOTH SIDES NOTED WITH PLEASURE THE INCREASING VOLUME OF TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE JOINT STATEMENT WILL RESULT IN A LARGER VOLUME OF TRADE IN THE FUTURE TO THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

(H) COMMENT: BOTH THE FORMAL SESSIONS AND INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WERE CONDUCTED IN A VERY CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE MANNER. THE POLISH SIDE WAS NOTEWORTHY IN ITS OBVIOUS EFFORTS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE AMERICAN SIDE, AND SOME OF THE ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND DATA REQUESTED DURING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP WERE FURNISHED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS THE FOLLOWING DAY. A COPY OF THE DETAILED MINUTES SIGNED BY BOTH CHAIRMEN IS BEING CARRIED BACK TO WASHINGTON BY MCDONNELL, WHO WILL ARRIVE OCTOBER 11 WITH SECRETARY MORTON'S PARTY.

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